

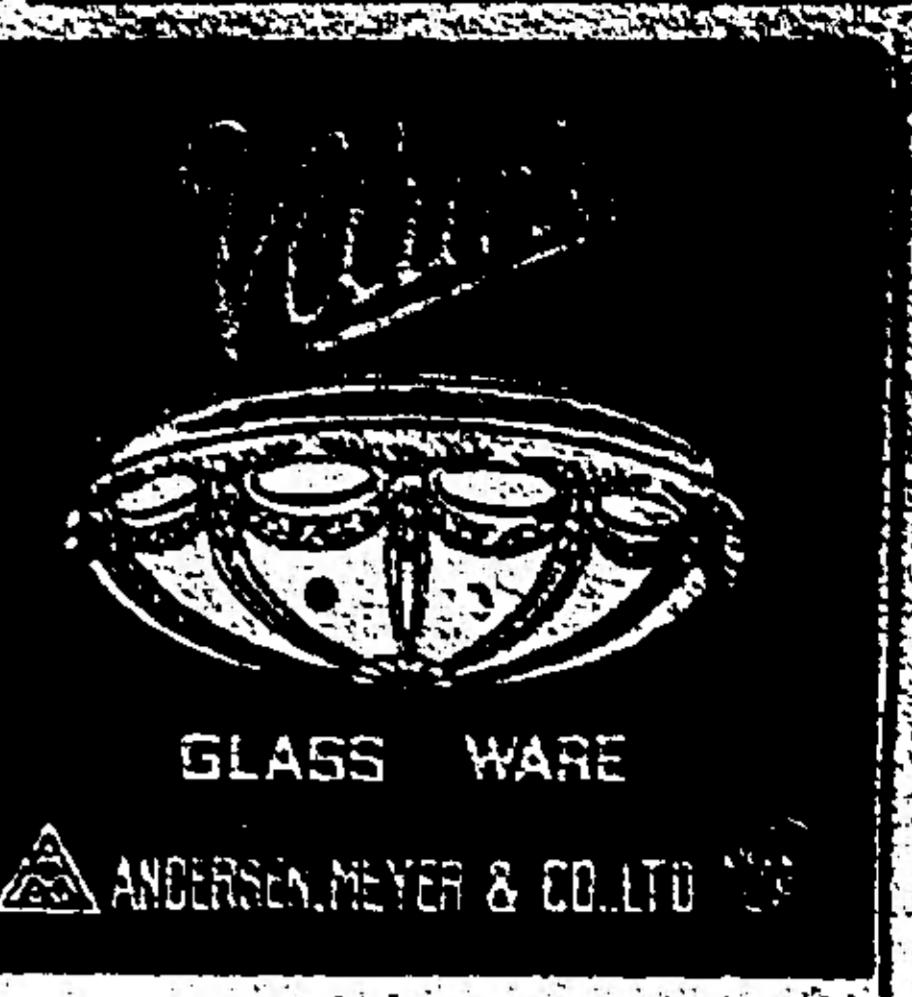


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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S VISIT.

SOME IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS.

London, December 11. M. Clemenceau arrived at Victoria and was met by Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Curzon, Mr. Walter Long, and the French Ambassador. He was accorded a great ovation. The Channel crossing was most rough, the French destroyer *Temeraire* being continuously swept over with heavy seas. This necessitated a landing at Dover instead of Folkestone.

At mid-day, M. Clemenceau had a conversation with Mr. Lloyd George at Downing Street. It is understood that the discussions will include French exchange, which is now forty-five francs to the sovereign; coal supplies for France; the League of Nations, the Peace Treaty, the situation in the United States, and also Russia, Turkey and the Adriatic.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

STATEMENTS REPUTED BY BRITISH BANKERS.

Shanghai, December 15. The British bankers here refute the statements of the London papers of an arrangement between the U. S. Treasury and the American exchange banks. The British bankers state such arrangement is the best thing that could happen at this time. An adequate supply of silver would be assured at a fair price. The announcement here has relieved British as well as American bankers and exporters.

FIRE AT SHANGHAI COTTON MILL.

Shanghai, December 15. There was an early morning fire at the Pao Fong cotton mill. The loss is half a million taels. The mill was destroyed. The fire started when friction followed on the belt pulley having been left unclosed. The loss of life is unknown: 800 employees were working and it is believed many perished.

BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOODS.

Shanghai, December 15. The Students Union are publishing a list of firms boycotting Japanese goods. Maloo merchants are registering the quantities of Japanese goods on hand.

SINGAPORE FOOD PROBLEM.

Singapore, December 15. Those responsible for raising the scare in the Colony that starvation would result from the rice shortage are relieved to hear that sixty thousand bags of rice have arrived in Singapore during the last few days and in addition a heavy shipment of Australian flour.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

THE SHANTUNG QUESTION.

Shanghai, December 15. Yung Kwai, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Washington, has wired that the Shantung question has taken a favourable turn in the Senate, and he advises the Government to be careful in handling this matter and not to be duped by tempting words.

THE FOOCHOW INCIDENT.

Shanghai, December 15. The Educational and Commercial bodies in Foochow have wired to the Fukien community in Shanghai stating that the Japanese Commissioner has arrived to investigate the incident. They state that as the matter is very important it must be settled in Peking, instead of locally.

WHEN CHINA WILL SIGN THE TREATY.

Peking, December 15. Dr. Wellington Koo has been instructed by the Government that, when the British and French Governments have announced their support of the reservations on the Peace Treaty in regard to the Shantung question, he can sign the Treaty.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE SOUTH RUSSIAN FRONT.

London, Dec. 11. A semi-official message from the South Russian front says the Bolshevik attacks have been renewed with great vigour. Against the Caucasus Army the attacks definitely failed while the Bolshevik gains on the Don sector are counterbalanced by their losses. A big Bolshevik attack against Tsaritsin delivered on Dec. 1 failed disastrously and General Wrangel's cavalry made a counter offensive, cutting the enemy's rear communications and compelling them to retire in disorder. Subsequently the enemy was driven back beyond Dubovka, thus abandoning all their gains of November. In the Don sector the Cosacks recaptured Butyrivka and swept the enemy from the railway back to the town of Kalach, making large captures. Further West the Bolsheviks reached Pavlovsk. On the volunteer front the retirement is generally continued except around Biryuch. The Reds occupied Biryuch, reached within fifty miles of Kharkov, and are threatening Kharkov where the situation is somewhat

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LESSON OF ROSS SMITH FLIGHT.

London, Dec. 11. The "Daily News" expert opines that the flight from England to Australia should be accomplished in ten days with relays of pilots and machines en route. He says the lesson of Ross Smith's success is obvious, namely, the necessity for an immediate effort to make the Imperial airways a commercial proposition. There is no reason why a network of airways should not be constructed on the surface of all continents and the supremacy of the air definitely secured for Britain. The next Imperial airway for pioneers to conquer is from London to Cairo and Capetown.

The air route from Egypt to the East which the Government is proposing to develop largely lies over countries lacking roads, railways, and sea communication, whose commercial development will be best accelerated by aircraft and though Ross Smith has not apparently reduced the time in journeying to Australia he has brought nearer the day when, by the establishment of a chain of permanent stations, aerial post between England and Australia will be an accomplished fact and backward regions en route will be developed by British air enterprise. Hence the present flight tributed not as a sporting event but as definitely opening a new era in navigation which will draw the peoples of the world closer, particularly through the widely-dispersed territories of the British Empire.

The success of the flight to Australia is featured in the papers, editorials and special articles paying a tribute to Capt. Ross Smith's triumph. The value of his pioneer work in speeding up communication between Britain and the distant Dominions is emphasised. The Atlantic flight was a sensational feat, but the Australian flight is an enduring performance, immensely stimulating private enterprise and forecasting regular commercial air travelling. The Australian Government is praised for its enterprise in starting a competition which promises to place Britain at the forefront of the world in aviation. It is pointed out that the chief value of the flight is not so much the fact that Australia was reached as the fact that four continents were bridged and practically every overland stage can be made a paying commercial proposition, especially the long line of commercial centres near the Indian Ocean.

London, Dec. 12. The Sydney correspondent of the "Times" says that Ross Smith's actual flying time was 124 hours and the average speed, seventy-five miles. He was sighted at Australia, forty miles away. The longest time in the air was for 6½ hours, between Karachi and Delhi, when he was obliged to avoid the great desert as the fine dust would injure his engines. The worst weather was encountered at Malaya where, owing to heat and the stagnation of the air he worked nightly, tinkering with his machine. The hospitality of Netherlands Indies Officials was overwhelming. The airmen were emphatic that they did not wish to repeat thefeat, owing to the variations of heat and cold straining the machine, but were convinced that a commercial air route was feasible with relays of machines.

AIR SERVICE ACCIDENT.

London, Dec. 12. An Aircos aeroplane from Paris to London crashed in a field near Caterham in a dense mist. A passenger was killed and the pilot badly injured and sent to hospital. This is the first accident involving personal injuries since the London-Paris service was inaugurated in August, though machines have flown 50,000 miles.

MR. ASQUITH AND COALITION.

London, Dec. 12. Mr. Asquith speaking at Manchester, replying to Mr. Lloyd George on Dec. 6, asserted that the allied cause had never been more vigorously conducted than in 1916. At the end of that year the aggressive power of the enemy had been decisively broken and the foundation laid of a certain speedy victory. He disagreed with the Premier that it was impossible to govern without Coalition. He was convinced that the Liberal Party were perfectly capable of governing the country.

THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 11. The Italian Foreign Minister, M. Scialoja, confers with Lloyd George and Clemenceau at London. There will be no meeting of the Supreme Council at Paris during Clemenceau's absence. It is stated in Paris that the whole question of the Peace Conference and the Council, owing to the departure of the American Delegation, will be one of the chief subjects of discussion at London.

THE TIGER IN LONDON.

Paris, Dec. 11. M. Clemenceau has started for London. London, Dec. 11. Reuter learns from a French source that Clemenceau and Lloyd George are discussing the situation arising from the application of the Peace Treaty and Germany's attitude. They find themselves in complete accord and have also arrived at satisfactory results as regards other Anglo-French questions. Anglo-Franco-Italian matters will be discussed to-morrow whereat the Italian Foreign Minister, Scialoja will attend.

DEVELOPMENT OF EMPIRE.

London, Dec. 12. Lord Milner has appointed an Advisory Committee of which he will be chairman with the object of promoting the economic development of the Colonies and Protectorates. The members include Viscount Harcourt, Sir Owen Philips, Sir William Mercer, Sir John Eaglesome, and Sir Herbert Read and also Messrs. Neville Chamberlain, Geoffrey Dawson and G. E. A. Grindell.

D'ANNUNZIO'S ULTIMATUM.

London, Dec. 11. D'Annunzio has informed General Cadogan that if Italy guarantees not to renounce Fiume and not to evacuate the territories occupied since the Armistice he is ready to co-operate to secure a return to normal conditions.

(Other Telegrams on Pages 2 and 3.)

THE LOSS OF THE "LIENSHING".

NO EUROPEANS SAVED.

DEATH ROLL NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED.

Latest information to hand with regard to the wrecking of the s.s. Lienshing confirms previous fears that there was a heavy loss of life, and what is more painful still, that none of the Europeans on board were saved. Some days ago, Mr. W. J. Stokes, the local Secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, cabled to Saigon to ascertain whether any Europeans were saved, and this morning he received a definite reply in the negative. The cable stated:

"Lienshing. Sorry no Europeans saved. Chinese thirty-seven."

This indicates that the death-roll totalled 379, as when the boat left Hongkong on the trip to Saigon which she never completed there were 416 souls aboard, these including 390 coolies. She left here on November 27 last, and the news that she had been wrecked on the Indo China coast was received exactly one week ago.

The total number of Europeans on board was seven, made up of the master (Capt. W. Cullen); the Chief Engineer (Mr. J. R. Chapman); the Second Engineer (Mr. H. Barber); the chief Officer (Mr. C. S. Ley); the Second Officer (name unknown); and another engineer, Mr. Alexander McMillan, who was travelling as a passenger. All were well-known as a passenger on the China Coast and the utmost sympathy will be felt for their relatives.

A lengthy telegram was received by the owners here this morning from their agents at Saigon, which gave the following facts:

On November 30, at 2.30 in the morning, the Lien Shing struck against the Ongco Reefs, Annam Island, during a storm and was quickly sunk. There were 37 survivors, all being members of the crew. Here followed the names of 31 of the men saved, the telegram going on to state these men had safely arrived at Saigon. With regard to the other six, whose names were also given, it was stated that they had sailed for Tonkin, by the s.s. Verdun.

Last week's health return shows five fatal cases of cerebro-spinal fever, four occurrences of enteric (one fatal) and two cases of diphtheria (one fatal). All were Chinese save one British case of diphtheria and two British and one Japanese cases of enteric.

WAR TROPHIES.

HONGKONG NOT FORGOTTEN.

Some months ago, we urged that efforts should be made to secure some war trophies for public exhibition in Hongkong, as lasting mementoes of the Great War. Subsequently, the matter was raised in the Legislative Council and it was stated that the War Office were being approached on the subject.

A few days ago, our Singapore correspondent reported details of the trophies allotted to the Malay States, these comprising two light guns, twenty machine-guns, fifty helmets, eight packs, one signal thrower, sixteen trench mortars and eight wire-cutters captured from the Germans. On enquiry this morning, we learn that a despatch has just been received from Home stating that Hongkong is to have an allocation of such war trophies and indicating the material allotted to the Colony. We understand that details will soon be made public.

DAY BY DAY.

For carrying away from its fittings a portlight of the s.s. Kaifeng a Chinese was today sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

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There are some splendid prizes given for the Tombola on Saturday. Amongst other things—1 case of port wine; 1 case condensed milk; 1 gold wrist watch; 1 silver wrist watch; 1 silver bowl; silver sweet dishes; silver vases; 1 amethyst and pearl brooch; electric irons; 2 rattan chairs richly decorated with "cross pointing" and "Turks' heads" by Captain Jones of the "Chuen Chow"; framed pictures; china vases and ornaments etc.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s. 3d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—fine. Barometer—30.02. Temperature 2 p.m.—62. Humidity 2 p.m.—51.

THE "PHRANANG."

STILL AGROUND YESTERDAY.

The s.s. Phranang was still on the Adamastor Rock, north of Dumb Bell Island when the s.s. Sui Tai passed there yesterday afternoon. She was very high out of the water and two-thirds of her propeller could be seen. Some junks were alongside and three tugboats were standing by. It is believed that all the salt which she had on board for Macao has been discharged. She appeared ready to be towed back to Hongkong to-day.

Inland Lot No. 2280, Conduit Road, was yesterday sold by auction at the P.W.D. Offices. Mr. M. K. Lo was the purchaser at the upset price of \$3,250. The lot has an area of about 8,125 square feet.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.
City Hall—Hongkong Sketch Club's Exhibition. Coronet Theatre—9.15 and 9.15 p.m. Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.
Coronet Theatre—9.15 and 9.15 p.m. Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m. City Hall—Police Victory Ball—9.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.
Pansy Day—Street sale of pantries in the morning; Masked Ball at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 p.m.

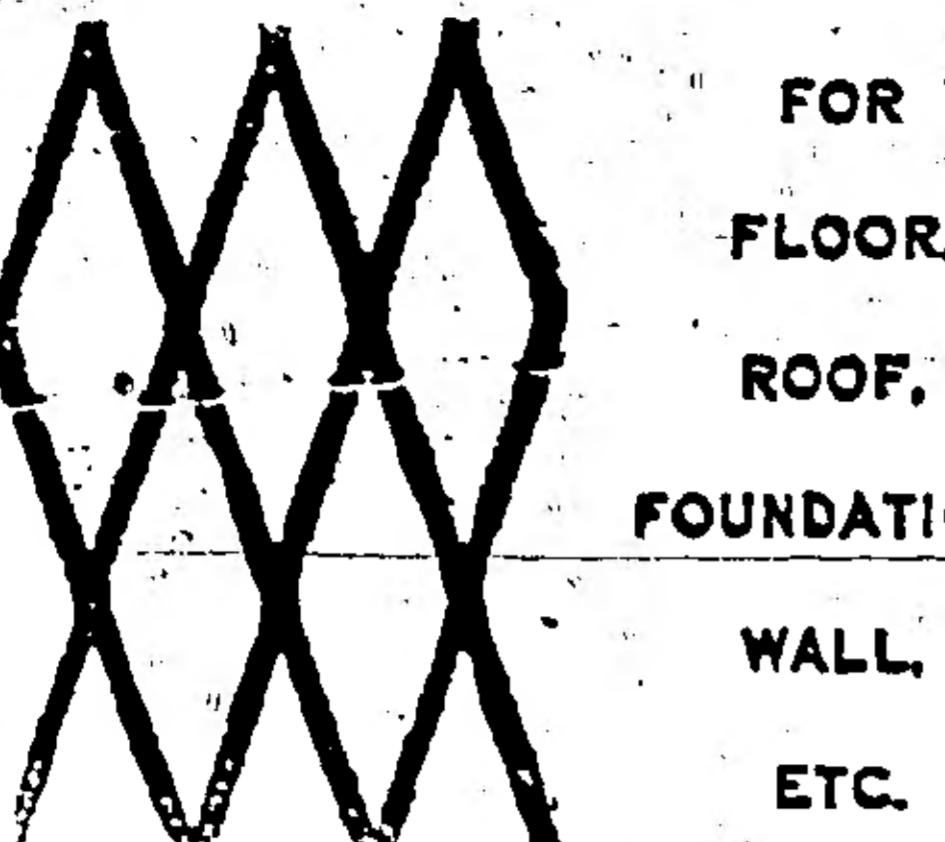
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**AIR MINISTRY.**

London, Dec. 12. A statement issued in reference to the estimates of the Air Ministry shows a reduction of £12,000,000. The revised figures are £54,000,000 against the March forecast of £66,500,000. Amongst the causes of reduction is the reduction of the Air Force to a peace footing. The maximum establishment this year, exclusive of India, 150,000, would be reduced by March to 33,000. An accompanying memorandum emphasises that a large proportion of the 1919-1920 estimates were due to charges arising from the war for which no provision would be required normally.

THE COAL PROFITS BILL.

London, Dec. 11. In the House of Commons the Coal Profits Bill, restricting the coal owners profits to 1s. 2d. per ton was dropped. Influential Coalition groups opposed the Bill but the abandonment was due to Labour opposition. The Miners Federation to-day condemned the proposals.

Messrs. Adamson, Brace, and Hartshorn, Labour Party said they favoured the limitation of profits but the Coal Profits Bill under which limitation expired on March 31st would mean chaos in the mining industry and the creation of a revolutionary atmosphere. The Bill did not fulfil the pledge of the Sankey Report. The miners felt the Government had yielded to pressure from the coalowners to abolish the control and return of private ownership.

GOVERNMENT RAIDS IN IRELAND.

London, Dec. 11.

Police and troops simultaneously raided the houses of prominent Sinn Feiners in Dublin and elsewhere in Ireland. Numerous detentions have been made including the M.P. Tom Kelly who was sent in an armed vessel to England. Dublin Mansion House was surrounded and searched by police and military later, owing to a suspected meeting by one of the suppressed organisations. The search was fruitless.

HOUSING AT HOME.

London, Dec. 11.

The House of Commons spent an all-night sitting on the committee stage of the Housing Bill. Amendments were adopted whereunder private builders may participate in subsidies. A Labour attempt to limit rent of subsidised houses to £30 yearly was defeated.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

London, Dec. 12.

Senator Lodge precipitated the first discussion on the Peace Treaty in the Senate in the present session by declaring it dead unless again submitted by Pres. Wilson. Its demise was due to the Democrats. Senator Root supported this view. Senator Underwood, on the contrary, argued that it could be called up any time by a vote of the Senate. He charged the Republicans with the responsibility for the recent failure to ratify.

U.S. NOTES TO MEXICO.

Washington, Dec. 11.

Three notes protesting against interference in the operations of American oil properties in Mexico and the lack of protection thereof by the Mexican authorities have been sent to Mexico within the last few months. Mexico has not replied.

U.S. GENEROSITY.

London, Dec. 12.

The "Daily Chronicle's" New York correspondent says the United States Government has agreed to permit the Allies to defer for three years the payment of interest on the £2,000,000,000 loaned to them during the war.

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNS.

Washington, Dec. 12.

Mr. Garfield, Fuel Administrator, who was prominent in the recent coal strike negotiations, has resigned owing to disagreeing with the principle of the settlement.

LORD GREY.

Washington, Dec. 11.

Lord Grey is returning to England. His return to the United States is doubtful.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA BILL.

London, Dec. 12.

The House of Lords have passed the second reading of the Government of India Bill.

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GENERAL NEWS.**CAN'T CO-OPERATE WITH "CONCHE."**

"It is impossible to co-operate with him in any direction whatsoever," say the Action teachers in petitions to the local Education Committee against the continued presence in their midst of Mr. C. H. Pett, assistant teacher at Acton Wells School, who is a conscientious objector. A Special Inquiry Committee was called to reconsider Mr. Pett's case, and it was moved that his resignation be accepted. The Socialist members, however, by a majority of one, succeeded in adjourning the case for a fortnight. In the meantime the Education Committee will meet, and there will be a great storm.

BLIND HEROES TAKE UP MASSAGE.

The fact that a man was severely wounded in battle did not necessarily make him a hero, said Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter, at the dinner of the Association of Certified Blind Massagists at the Holborn Restaurant. A man's heroism was proved afterwards by the manner in which he set himself to surmount the terrible handicap imposed on him. In the best sense, all these men were heroes. Of the company 25 were blind soldier massagists who had been trained at St. Dunstan's and the National Institute for the Blind. Since the war a tremendous impetus has been given to massage as an occupation for blind people of both sexes.

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SOME NOTES ON THE PICTURES.

To-day at the City Hall has been held the second public exhibition under the auspices of the Hongkong Sketch Club, and it is an exhibition that is worthy of detailed notice. The Sketch Club has been in existence for a good many years now, but it was not until last year that it had a public exhibition and that's a full interest was aroused in it. There is wonderful scope in and around Hongkong for those who are artistically inclined, and it is only in the proper order of things that such a Club should exist to encourage and foster contemporary art.

It says something for the popular support the Club receives when nearly 150 exhibits can be hung. As soon as one entered the hall this morning, one was conscious of a better display than was seen last year. There were not quite so many individual exhibits, but there was an instant impression of superior work. And it was shown off to better advantage for there was a decided improvement in the hanging.

It is not intended that her should follow a detailed criticism of the exhibits, for criticism—that is candid criticism—would in some cases have to be almost cruel. All that will be attempted is a short review of the main features of the show. One has to remember that this an exhibition by local amateurs, and to expect a large display of high class work would be absurd. That is not to say that there are no executions of high merit; in fact there are a surprisingly large number of them. Passing round the room in the order intended, the first sees Mr. C. S. Gubbay's two large oil-portraits. That portraying Mr. R. A. Gubbay, the well-known bullion broker, is extremely realistic and life-like, whilst that of the lady, entitled "Contemplation," is not so striking for its features as for the delicate colouring of the whole. Both are good works, and Mr. Gubbay's third exhibit, that of a view of the harbour from his verandah, has a well coloured and clear foreground, but Kowloon and the Hills beyond are not very convincingly executed.

Miss Parker has eleven water colours (Nos. 4 to 14) and one has very frankly to say that there is a great deal of variance in their merit. The picture showing H.M.S. Kent waiting to be dismantled and appropriately entitled "Sic transit gloria," is a study in blues and some good shades have been secured. There is far too much brilliant and heavy colouring in No. 5, showing a Street in Wan-chai, and a similar remark could be made of some other of Miss Parker's work. She has secured some particularly good sky and water effects, those in No. 12 (The Peak from Morrison Hill) being almost striking.

Miss Gurner has hung twelve exhibits, most of them being small water colours. There is a want of finish in most of them, but one was impressed with No. 19, showing Cheung Chow Island from the Peak, whilst Nos. 22 and 23, showing trees in London Park during winter, are really good. A fine background colour has been obtained, and there is a cold clearness about the atmosphere. Two charcoal studies are good, the expression obtained in that of the Chinese woman (No. 25) being extremely natural and typical.

Mrs. Britton has three water colours hung, and we like them as well as any water work in the exhibition. They are all outdoor subjects, such as a mill stream, some willows and a broken dam, but they are wonderfully natural in colour, and reveal a close attention to detail. One wanted to study them for a long time. Mrs. Britton also had a fan design on vellum. It was a light and airy design, and looked cool in itself.

Mrs. Basil Taylor had a large number of exhibits—no fewer than 27. Quite a number were of French scenes, executed in pencil or crayon and sometimes colour-washed. There were some that we liked immensely, No. 37 (Notre Dame de Grace, Honfleur), a study in green, being quite charming. The water colours generally were of good conception, but there seemed to be an absence of finish. "Going Home," a poster designed for the Devastated France Fund, was striking, the expression of lost interest on the faces of the woman and girl being well expressed. Mrs. Taylor's contribution to the exhibition was of decided interest and merit. Her blotter designs were extremely good, especially that

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency yesterday evening entertained to dinner the Chairman and Members of the Indian Gaol Commission. There were present—Sir Alexander Cardew K.C.S.I., Sir James du Boulay, K.C.I.E., Lieut.-Col. Sir Walter Buchanan, K.C.I.E., Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. J. Jackson, C.I.E., Dr. G. P. Jordan, the Dornal Rajah of Pudukota, Khan Bahadur Khalifa Syed Hamid Hussain, Mr. H. H. J. Gomperz, Mr. P. P. J. Weddhouse, C.I.E., Mr. N. G. Mitchell Innes, Mr. J. W. Steadman.

Showing some Hongkong butterflies.

Not for competition, Mr. Au Shih Yung had on view some fine porcelain plates and also two original illustrations for Scott's "Talisman." They were very clever executions. Four panels on silk were also shown.

Mr. W. Farmer (of Canton) had twelve water colours, Nos. 58 to 67, and they made a fine display. They dealt mostly with Chinese subjects, and the whole of his work is marked by clearness and decision.

He obtains a well-defined effect, strong but not overdone, contrast of colour, bringing in a liberal and very effective use of white. No. 58, showing the Sha-ki Bridge at Canton, was a study of detail. One was also impressed with Nos. 63 (Moonlight on the Han River), 66 (Near Kayang-chow) and 67 (Pavilion on the Lake). Mr. Farmer has obtained some fine water effects, in fact the whole of his pictures include a water scene, in the painting of which he is undoubtedly at his best.

Mrs. Kilgour had four small water colours, representing distant views of local scenes. The colouring in them all was very much of a sameness, but there was a nice soft tone about them. The views of Kowloon from the Hill, the Hongkong side, gave one a good impression of perspective.

Mrs. Kilgour had hung four oils, the best of which was perhaps No. 77 (A Corner in Surrey). The trees were impressively represented. In No. 74 (Lamma Channel), this being a distant view of islands, the contrast between the sea and the islands seemed to be over-emphasised. Perhaps it was that the colour was not natural.

Mrs. Loring had two oils, in which there had been hardly any attention given to anything beyond a general effect. The picture of High West was perhaps the better of the two.

The eighteen oil exhibits of Lieut.-Colonel Loring were easily the best oils in the show.

It was a collection of very finely executed sea-scapes and one had perforce to take a long look at them. Practically every one of them is worthy of detailed notice. His representation of junks was very fine, and one could actually see the scudding boats with their billowed sails. No. 80 (Rough sea off Cornwall) breathed the spirit of turbulent water, for one felt in the presence of the roaring breakers. No. 84, showing a three-masted sailing vessel at rest in Plymouth harbour, was masterly in its execution. A misty atmosphere formed the background and away in the distance could be seen small boats idly trying to make way in little wind. No. 106 (A Sea Nymph) was also among the best in the collection. The waves breaking over the rocks were well depicted. Altogether it can be said without any invidiousness that Colonel Loring's contribution to the exhibition was of the highest merit.

Mrs. McPherson had fifteen exhibits hung, both oils and water colours. Her two allegorical studies Nos. 115 ("In the Night In Solitude—Tears") and 117 ("Out of the Valley of the Shadow") were perhaps the best. The former—a woman with bowed head and folded hands, with a background of almost lifeless trees—contained a fine effect of loneliness and was done in colours that enhanced the subject. No. 117, showing a woman looking out on a dawn from the dark sides of a precipice, was also a talented picture, the light catching the lonely figure and throwing it into sad prominence. Mrs. McPherson's views of Hongkong by night (Nos. 112 and 113) were not quite of such a high tone. To show Hongkong by night, with an attempt to pick out the lights, is a difficult task and Mrs. McPherson did extremely well to get the effect she did. No. 119, an unfinished portrait, was of high execution. One could say a lot more of Mrs. McPherson's work,

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Order by Major G. H. Wakeman, V.D., Acting Administrative Commandant, state:

PARADE.

There will be parade of the whole Corps (including men previously excused attendance at parades, and the Cadet Company) on Wednesday, 17th instant, for inspection by His Excellency the Governor.

Fall in at 5.00 p.m. in the road on the North Side of the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground.

Dress—Drill order (i.e. caputie, trousers, putties, belt, sidearms and rifle.)

The Mounted Section will wear breeches instead of trousers. "D" Company will not carry rifles or sidearms. Officers will not wear swords.

N.C.O.s and men (except "D" Company) who have returned their rifles and sidearms to Headquarters can draw them between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and after 3.30 p.m. on 27th instant and can return them to Headquarters at the conclusion of the parade.

NOTICE.

The Corps Championship will be shot for at the King's Park Range on Sunday, the 21st December, commencing at 9.30 a.m. Conditions 200, 300 and 600 yards. Bisley Targets, open sights, 7 rounds and sighting shot at each range. Regulation slings allowed. Entries to be made on the Range. Entrance fee 50 cents.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

The Amphilios, a standard vessel built at the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, and sold to Greek owners, will leave to-day on her maiden trip for Java.

The Nicolis, a standard ship constructed at the Tai-koo Docks, will leave in a few days on her maiden voyage.

This evening at 5 o'clock the standard ship War Sceptre, built at the Kowloon Docks, will be launched.

The Tangville, a cargo boat that is being converted into an oil tanker for Filipino owners, is rapidly nearing completion at the Docks.

but beyond referring to her clever black and white portrait of Mr. E. Dewstoe of Canton (No. 118) the general statement that she considerably enhanced the value of the exhibition will have to suffice.

M. R. Reau had six very good oils, his depiction of fruits on trays being of good natural colour.

Mrs. Shenton had hung three exhibits, all in oils, but No. 129 (Sunset over Hills) was the most striking.

There were also some pencil sketches by Colonel Loring, some charcoal studies by Mr. C. S. Gubbay and some extremely artistic photographs by Mr. B. W. Grey.

A special word is due to Mr. G. Hauchecorne's modelling, seven very clever works being shown.

They were all of native heads and figures, and he has caught some extremely fine expressions. No. 133 (For Account Rendered) is a group of arresting merit. This modelling was the praise of all who saw it, and in itself was worth visit."

THE JUDGING.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, who was to have acted as Judge, was unfortunately indisposed, and the judging was therefore undertaken by Mr. W. Sinclair and Mr. H. W. Bird. They went round the exhibition very early in the morning and announced their awards as follows:

Best Landscape in Oils.—No. 84, Lieut.-Colonel Loring.

Best Oil portrait.—No. 119, Mrs. McPherson.

Best Water-Colour landscape.—Nos. 112, Mrs. McPherson; and 27, Mrs. Britton. Two Prizes were given in this section because there was no portrait or figure in water colours for which a prize had been provided.

Best Study in Black and White.—No. 118, Mrs. McPherson.

Best Decorative Design.—No. 115, Mrs. McPherson.

The judges also decided to award a special prize to Mr. G. Hauchecorne for his splendid models.

During both the morning and afternoon there was a good attendance of visitors.

His Excellency the Governor will distribute the prizes this afternoon.

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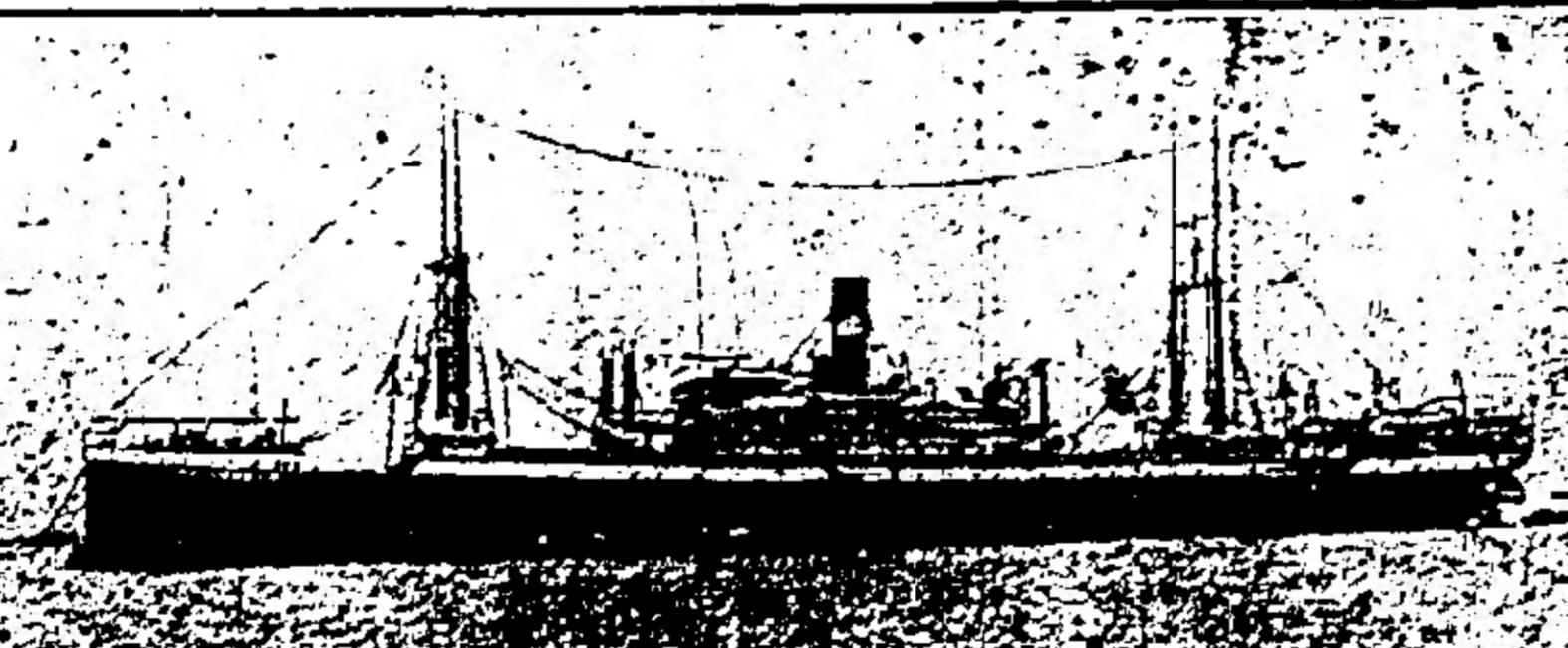
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The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA arrived at Yokohama on
4th Dec. left there 6th Dec. noon, and is due at Vancouver on 15th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NIKKO M. (Australian Line) left Sydney for
this port via Manila on the 28th Nov., and is expected here on the 19th Dec.

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this port via the Suez Canal on the 29th Nov., and is expected here on the 7th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOYO M. No. 2 (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta,
for this port via Singapore on the 4th Dec., and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE left Vancouver for Hongkong, via
Japan ports and Shanghai on the 24th Nov. and is due here on, or
about the 26th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. HWAH-WU (Bombay Line) left Moji for this
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18th Dec.

The China Mail s.s. NANKING arrived at San Francisco on Sun-
day, November 30th.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived at Nagasaki on
Friday, 12th Dec., 3 p.m. left there 1 a.m. 13th Dec., and was
due at Tsingtau on 14th Dec.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of cabled advice from its
Manila Office to the effect that the s.s. ECUADOR, Voyage 15-
Out, sailed from Yokohama for Kobe on the 12th Inst.

The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a telegram from its
Shanghai Office advising that the s.s. NILE sailed from that port
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The P. & O. s.s. NOVARA left
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JAPANESE PEACE
DELEGATE.INTERVIEWED BY THE
TELEGRAPH.

One of the thorny questions which the Paris Peace Conference has found it hard to tackle is the final disposition of those Islands in the Marshall and Caroline Groups which were taken by the Japanese from the Germans in the early period of the war, and have since been in occupation by a Japanese naval force and under the administration of a Japanese Admiral. Chiefly through the opposition of the Australian Confederation, those Islands have so far not been formally ceded to Japan as the Island Empire would have liked, the reason being that she wants an outlet for her dense population. The League of Nations, on whose shoulders the solution of this problem has been shifted, will have a difficult task before it in making arrangements whereby both claimants may be satisfied.

Such is the view of Capt. Yamamoto, who has been in the Colony on his way to Japan from Europe, where as one of Japan's Peace Delegates he took a prominent part in the deliberations on the fate of the Islands.

A representative of the Telegraph interviewed him prior to his departure for the North. From him, we have elicited the information that the progress in connection with the settlement of the South Seas Islands question is far from satisfactory, but that these Islands will continue to be administered by the Japanese pending the decision of the League of Nations. Captain Yamamoto's special mission in connection with the Peace Conference was to Rome where he conferred with the Pope in regard to the German Catholic Missionary stations on the Marshall and Caroline Islands, which, with change in regime, could not be allowed to continue, an objection being raised to its personnel. His mission therefore was to apply for a change of the missionary staffs, and he was successful in having secured a promise from the Holy See to replace the deported Germans by French, Italian, and Belgian substitutes.

Captain Yamamoto has had an interesting career. Soon after the fall of Tsingtao, he was appointed to the Japanese Embassy at Rome as Naval Attaché, and remained at his post until February last when he was recalled by his Government. Six months later, he was appointed to the Peace Delegation and with Baron Makino proceeded to Paris, where he took part in the conferences in connection with the Peace Treaty. The urgent necessity of settling the missionary question in regard to the Marshall and Caroline Groups, led the Japanese Government to send orders to Captain Yamamoto to proceed to Rome as the Admiral-Governor's representative to confer with the Holy See. How far he succeeded in his mission has been stated. He is now on his way back to Japan.

As to the Shantung question, Captain Yamamoto deprecated the troubles that have been raised on this question. He was of opinion that the best method of arriving at a successful solution, was an amicable conference by both nations, without interference from other Powers, at which mutual understandings could be come to.

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- To receive from the Committee a report Balance Sheet and Statement of accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1919.
- To elect Officers and other members of the Committee in the place of the retiring members thereof.
- To decide on any resolution which may have been submitted to the meeting.

By order,
J. W. FRANKS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

For the benefit of guests from Kowloon attending Commodore and Mrs. Gurner's "At Home" at 9.15 p.m. on Tuesday 16th December, steamboats from "Tamar" will leave Police Pier at Kowloon at 8.45 and 9 p.m. Arrangements will be made in a similar manner for the return of guests to Kowloon.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Thursday the 18th Dec., 1919,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A selection of Fine Mechanical Toy.

Terms: Cash on delivery.
Geo. P. LAMMERT
Auctioneer

CONSIGNMENT.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S. S. "VENEZUELA."

From SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS,
SHANGHAI & MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived from the above mentioned Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., and stored at consignee's risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before bills of lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on December 22nd at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after December 23rd, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.
As Operators, U.S. Shipping
Board.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1919.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—Top floor No. 2 Queen's Road Central One to five large light rooms verandah and bath. Suitable for Offices. Apply Office Carlton Hotel.

TO LET.—Two Rooms and bathroom, neatly furnished, from 1st January or later. Apply to J. Anderton, 23, Granville Road, Kowloon.

NOTICE.

LADIES RECREATION CLUB.

Annual Tennis Tournament, commencing on 1st January 1920.
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Ladies Singles—Open to Members of any Local Tennis Club.

Entrance Fee \$1.

Entries must be made on or before 27th December, 1919 to
MISS MOXON,
Hon. Secretary.
Ladies Recreation Club.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Gibb Livingston & Co. St. George's Buildings Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong on Monday the 29th day of December 1919 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

- That the conditional agreement entered into by the Directors of the Company in the name and on behalf of the Company with Harrisons and Crosfield Limited dated the 10th day of December 1919 for the sale of the undertaking property and assets of the Company as existing on the 31st day of December 1918 subject to its liabilities, for the sum of \$828,000 (Eight hundred and twenty eight thousand dollars) cash which has been submitted to this meeting be and the same is hereby ratified and approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised and directed to carry the same into effect with full power to assent to any modifications in the Agreement which they may think expedient and in the interest of the Company.

Copies of the above mentioned Agreement can be seen at the Registered Office of the Company St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, aforesaid or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master, the Solicitors to the Company, at Prince's Building, Ice House Street, Victoria, aforesaid; at any time before the said meeting (except Saturdays and Sundays) between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. And subject to the passing of the above Resolution to consider and, if thought fit, to pass as an Extraordinary Resolution the following:

- That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest Alfred Mountford Williams of the Firm of Lowe Bingham and Matthews of Chartered Bank Building Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid be appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up, at such remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrisons and Crosfield Limited and the Liquidator.

Should the Second Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the above address at twelve o'clock noon on Tuesday the 13th day of January 1920.

By Order of the Board

(Sd) GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1919.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1919

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FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

Street Sale of Pansies in the Morning.

GRAND MASKED BALL

at Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road,

at 9.30 p.m.

Admission \$5.00 including

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Prizes will be given for the most original dominoes.

CABARET
SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

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VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

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DANCING: 3 p.m. to midnight.

CABARET

“DANCE FOR FRANCE.”

NOTICE.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Office of the above Company have this day been removed to No. 3 Queen's Buildings, (Chater Road).

Hongkong, 8th December, 1919

NOTICE.

THE MENTAKAB RUBBER CO., LTD.

Managing Agents—Messrs.

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Estate situated in Pahang.

Nominal Capital ... Str. \$1,000,000

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Divided into 1,000,000 shares of

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Total area 1,575 Acres,

Planted Acres 1,345 Acres,

In bearing 480 Acres,

(285 additional Acres coming into bearing next April).

Purchase price of

Estate \$805,000 Cash.

Application closes at Singapore

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BENJAMIN & POTTS,
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1919

NOTICE.

HONGKONG POLICE

NOTICE.

H. HENDERSON,

Hon. Secretary
Central Police Station

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday the 20th December, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the 14 months ending 30th September, 1919, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The following Leasehold properties situate at Victoria and Kowloon, Hongkong in two Lots

Lot 1 All that piece of ground

situate at Victoria registered in Land-Office as Inland Lot No. 346

together with the messuage thereon No. 15 Mosque Street. Term

999 years from 27th November

1849. Area 1440 square feet.

Annual Crown rent \$1.24.

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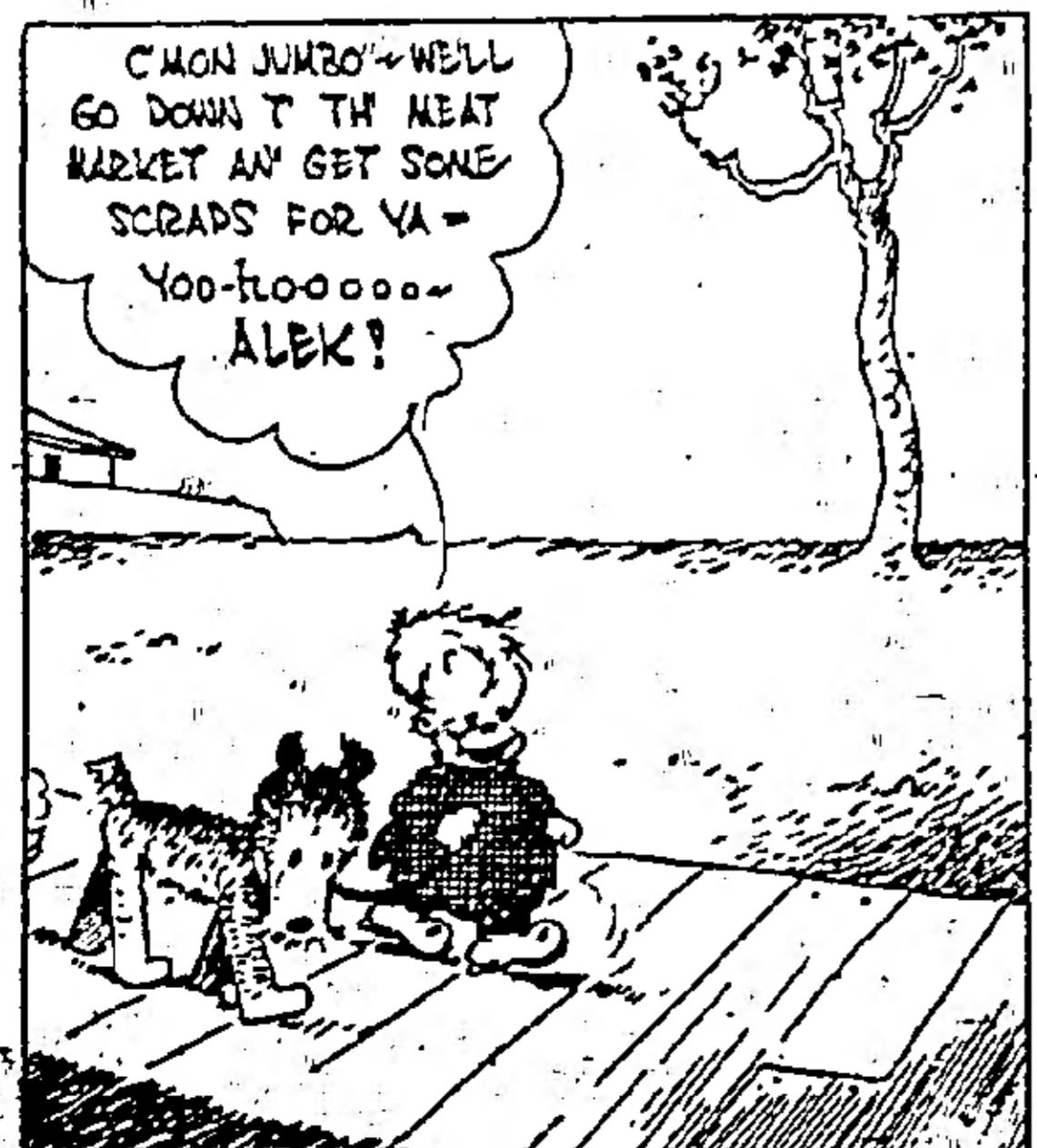
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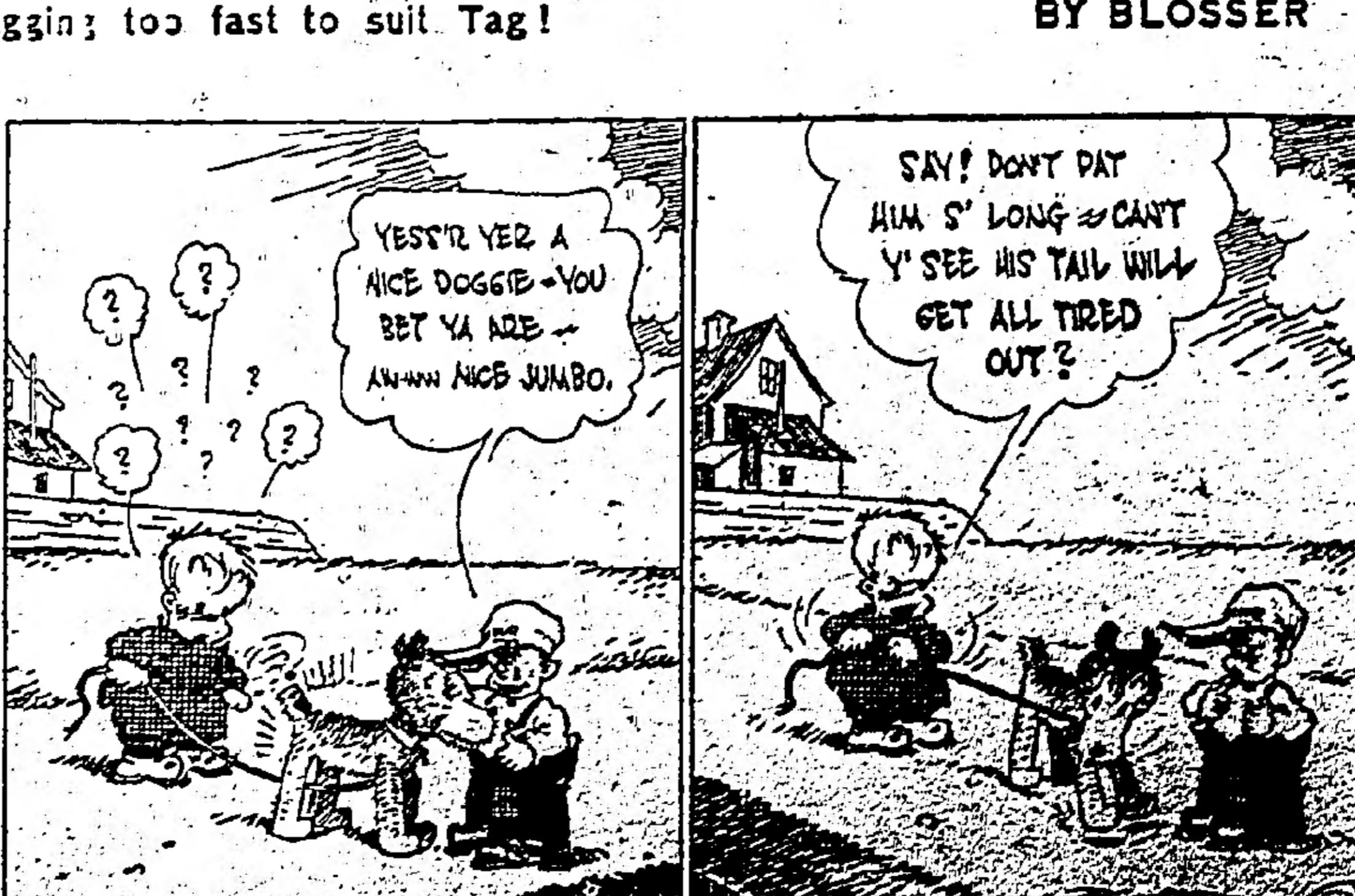
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BOLSHEVIK DISCLOSURES.

London, Dec. 12.
The "Times" makes authoritative disclosures which foreshadow the possibility of the Bolsheviks ultimately abandoning European Russia and establishing themselves in the heart of Middle Asia. They point out that the Bolsheviks hold a large part of Transcaspia and Central Asia and are about to attack Krasnovodsk on the eastern Caspian shores. Furthermore they are establishing intimate relations with Afghanistan and their emissaries at Kabul are advocating an attack on Britain through India. It is reported that hundreds of Hindus have been trained in Bolshevik propaganda at Moscow and some are already journeying to India supplied with considerable Bolshevik gold. The "Times" in its leader points out that Denikin and Kolchak are fighting the Empire's battle because in the event of defeat the Soviet armies could be diverted to Afghanistan with a view to attacking India. It opines that the consequences of defeat would soon be felt on the Indian frontier. Meanwhile the Bolsheviks are closely negotiating with the Turkish rebel General Mustapha Kemal in Asia Minor. They are supplying funds to the Young Turks and inciting Georgia and the mushroom Mahomedan republic of Azerbaijan to ally themselves with the Turkish revolutionaries.

THE WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY.

London, Dec. 11.
An Imperial Institute bulletin dealing with the world's wheat position points out that of the pre-war production of 110,000,000 tons, the largest contributor was Russia, with 22,000,000 tons. During the war the acreage outside Europe increased by twenty-five per cent. The opinion is expressed that at present there is a sufficiency of wheat, even without the help of Russia, to meet the requirements of the world. The article takes an optimistic view of the future. Vast areas are awaiting development in Canada, Australia and elsewhere, while the average yield is susceptible of great improvement.

RUSSIA'S DESIRE FOR PEACE.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.
Litvinoff, interviewed by Reuter, declared that the only condition the Soviet Government would put forward as the basis of peace was non-interference by any foreign Power in the country's internal administration. He added that if response was made to the offer, present negotiations would be greatly facilitated.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.
An agreement has been reached at the conference between O'Grady and Litvinoff under which the Soviet Government permits the despatch of warm clothing, drugs, food and money to British prisoners in return for permission to load a ship with drugs for its own use. Arrangements have also been made to exchange letters at the frontier at stated intervals, enabling British and Russian prisoners to communicate with their homes. Meanwhile the prospect of an arrangement on a whole exchange under the repatriation question is most un-promising.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.

It is reliably learned that the British French, Italian and American Ministers here have returned the Soviet peace offer mentioned last night in consequence of Litvinoff's action infringing the prearranged terms of the O'Grady Conference.

BOLSHEVIK OFFENSIVE RE-OPENED.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.
A message from Riga states that the Bolsheviks on Dec. 8 re-opened their offensive against the Letts, supported by armoured trains. All attacks hitherto have been repulsed Fighting continues.

RUMANIA SIGNS PROTOCOL.

Paris, Dec. 11.
The Rumanian Plenipotentiary has signed the protocol accepting the Austrian and Bulgarian Treaties and the treaty for the protection of minorities.

THE GERMAN REPLY.

London, Dec. 11.
The German reply, it is reported, has arrived. It is substantially a capitulation of the Scarfa Flaw question and proposed discussion of other points.

BELGIUM'S PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER.

Brussels, Dec. 11.
M. Brunet (Socialist) has been elected President of the Chamber by 84-72 votes, against M. de Wint (Catholic).

LOADING OF VESSELS SUSPENDED.

Melbourne, Dec. 12.
The loading of the overseas vessels which was disorganized owing to the Lumpers Go-slow Policy is now entirely suspended.

CARPENTIER CHALLENGES DEMPSEY.

Paris, Dec. 12.
Carpentier has officially challenged Dempsey for the world's championship.

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ON HAVING

'SHELL'

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THE ADMIRAL LINE.

THE Steamship

"ELDRIDGE"

having arrived from Seattle via ports, on Dec. 16th, 1919 consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

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Gabrielle d'Annunzio, the master of Fiume, giving orders to two young officers.



This houseboat, anchored in front of the British Parliament buildings, is occupied by Mr. George Terrell, M.P.



Field Marshal Lord Allenby and his aged mother.



Miss Julia Marlowe, who is now appearing in Shakespearean plays in New York.



The Prince of Wales photographed with a Canadian baseball team.



Radcliffe College, Boston, has adopted the above Chinese baby and presented him with a silver spoon. His mother, Mrs. Yang-Mo-Kuo, of Cambridge, graduated six months ahead of her classmates. Next year, his father will finish his studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and take his little family back to the Orient.

BUSINESS MANNERS.

ARE OURS THE WORST IN THE WORLD?

Mr. H. T. Kemball Cook writes to a Home paper:

The British business man is the worst mannered in the world that is the verdict of the director of the Manufacturers' Agency, who has just returned from a tour of the world.

Is there anything to be said on the other side? I think there is, for very much depends on the point of view.

I remember, for instance, being told by a London commercial traveller that, when he first visited certain busy towns in the great industrial area of the northwest he was repelled by the rudeness of business men, and almost in despair at his own failures. Eventually he discovered that it was because he went his rounds in a top hat and the rest of his London kit, and the bluff manufacturers of the district resented this "swank." He did excellent business when he exchanged morning coat for tweeds.

The point is worth making, because it explains a good deal—among other things, that half the accusations of rudeness against the business man result from misunderstanding. The proper study of mankind is still—man.

Let it be remembered that superficial politeness is not one of our national characteristics, & which must be added that superficial politeness in business often means a waste of time. Brownin-

"But, my dear fellow, I am monopolising you!" Excellent. But Browning would have looked very silly had the bore replied: "Not at all—as I was saying—".

The British business man may be excused if he declines to take the risk. Business, like everything else, is a contest, and every business man knows the type of caller who hopes that his victim will give him an order or promise to try his scheme as a last resource in order to get rid of him.

There are people who understand nothing but downright rudeness. The British business man meets a good many of them.

I remember one who used to visit a country client at perhaps three in the afternoon. He would sit down, take out his watch, re-

mark airily, "My train does not leave till six," and begin to talk of the weather. Was the business man ill-mannered or selfish if he had recourse to the only weapon likely to be effective?

Civil servants may be denied the title of business men, but their manners are generally excellent. Yet the war was not many weeks old before they found it necessary to borrow from the City even to the decoration of office walls with certain pungent mottoes of the "Our Time" is valuable if yours is not" type,

in mere self protection.

I do not think that the British business man is ill-mannered, provided always that it is accepted that the standard of politeness of the drawing-room and the

office are not the same. In the drawing-room time is of no value; in the office it is everything.

If the Englishman's word is his bond it is not surprising that he should put his word bleakly and nakedly in its place without any adornments, without flowery phrases which might be turned against him by the unscrupulous.

"My goods speak for themselves," said an old City merchant. "I don't need to wrap them up in pretty parcels."

I do not claim that he is unassailable, but there is a politeness of word and a politeness of deed, and the English merchant has been able to boast

these many years that his customers all over the world prefer the latter. And while the

British merchant maintains the quality of his goods I do not think that his customers will complain very bitterly if he persists in "cutting the cackle and comin' to the ossees!"

AN OLD ENGINE.

It is reported that No. 1 engine son only is that of dyeing crimson

now employed on the Shimabara

tips of their horses' tails.

Railway is the oldest locomotive in Japan. It was used in the more than 200 public astronomical observatories to less than

between Tokio and Yokohama 47 twenty in the southern years ago. The engine has now been acquired by the Railway hatch both hen and duck eggs by Board to be preserved as a burying them in lukewarm rice, which they reheat daily.

BREVITIES.

When a woman in the Philippines becomes a widow, she assumes her maiden name.

Stuffing the ears with light gauze is a new cure for seasickness.

A privilege jealously guarded for the Shah of Persia and his

son only is that of dyeing crimson

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tips of their horses' tails.

Railway is the oldest locomotive in Japan. It was used in the more than 200 public astronomical observatories to less than

Holland for the manufacture of sacking carpet.

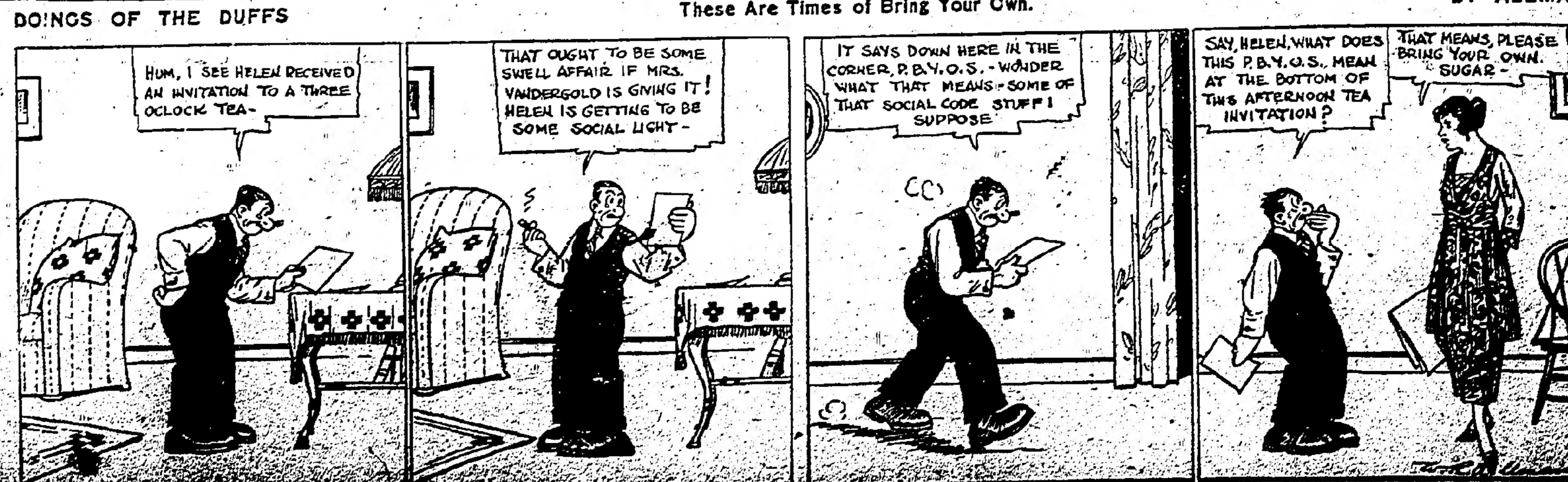
Electric fog sirens have been invented that can be heard for fourteen miles.

The sugar production of the province of Matanzas, Cuba, this year was the greatest on record, amounting to 4,831,400 bags of 325 pounds each.

An oil obtained from stumps of red pine trees has been found to be valuable for recovering silver from pulverized ore by the flotation process.

To prevent unnecessary movements a French gymnastic school has instantaneous photographs of pupils made to study their action.

BY ALLMAN.



NOTICES.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

JAPANESE TOYS FOR ENGLAND.
It is reported that there are prospects of large transactions in toys between English merchants and Japanese exporters. The Kobe Chamber of Commerce has already received inquiries from a certain leading sundry goods merchant in London, asking for the names of the leading Japanese toy manufacturers, samples, etc. It is said that the Chamber has referred the matter to the Department of Home Affairs. It is generally believed that the English importers are now suffering a shortage of stocks and are desirous of getting supplies from Japan.

JOHORE-SINGAPORE BRIDGE PROJECTS.

With reference to the proposed bridge from Johore to Singapore, it is stated that the cost of the work is estimated at £1,000,000, and it will take five years to complete. An immense impetus to trade will be afforded by this new development. Two million tons of granite will be required. To enable ships to continue to pass the Straits after the causeway has been built, a lock will be built on the Johore side. The length between sills will be 170 ft. width 32 ft., and depth of water on sills 10 ft. at low tide. Electric power will be used in operating the various sluices and for working the lock gates. A rolling lift bridge, also operated by electricity, will carry the road and railway over the lock.

BRITISH COAL OUTPUT.
The British Board of Trade returns with reference to the coal output for the week ended September 6 show a distinct improvement. The total for the United Kingdom was 4,509,803 tons which is an increase of 150,000 tons on the previous week. It is, however, still one million tons per week behind the average output for the year 1913. Unfortunately, South Wales cannot claim to be responsible for the gain, for the output in that district was nearly 16,000 tons down on the week. Yorkshire seems to have provided the major portion of the increase. As the export trade of the country so largely depends upon South Wales, it is to be hoped that the workers in that district will soon emulate the example of the other miners of Great Britain.THE GERMAN COAL SITUATION.
The German coal situation is important in general, as well as regarding steel manufacture, in particular. The latest prices fixed by the Westphalian Coal Syndicate range from 65.90 to 73.30 marks for bituminous; from 65.60 to 73.30 for gas coal; from 65.90 to 77.20 for semi-bituminous; from 97 to 109.50 marks for coke—at the mines! And the supply is so short that in Luxembourg only 16 blast furnaces are working out of a total of 47. A leading steelmaker states that even if the Allied demand for 40,000,000 tons of German coal annually is reduced by 50 per cent the German iron and steel industry will be brought to ruin. Present operations of the steel mills are only at a rate of 22 per cent of capacity. If miners do not work better a "catastrophe" cannot be avoided, declares this authority. The latest returns from the mines show only a personal output of 0.50 tons per working shift, against a pre-war output of 1.30 tons.A Large Quantity of
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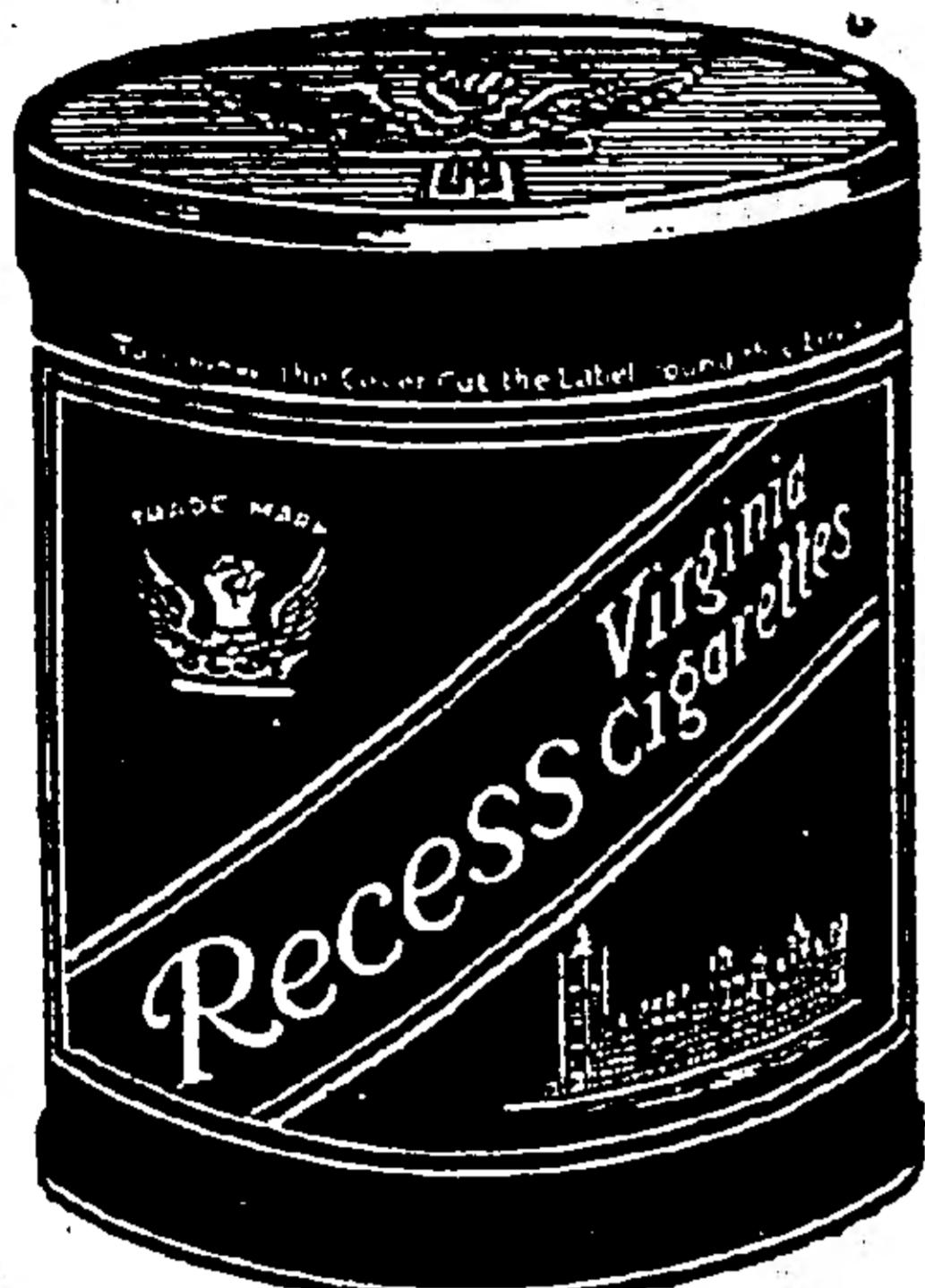
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SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

The Blue Funnel boat TEUCER, brought this morning 3,500 tons of cargo from Yokohama and Shanghai.—Mooring, A 3.

From Calcutta the Indo-China vessel YATSHING, consigned 1,483 tons for Hongkong and 500 tons through cargo.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

The YUENSANG, from Manila brought 1,300 tons of general cargo for Hongkong yesterday. She experienced very rough weather.—Mooring, C 35.

The U.S.A. Shipping Board vessel CADDOPEAK, consigned to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, brought only 50 tons of merchandise from Manila.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

From Shanghai the Chinese Merchant's vessel KWANG FU, brought 919 tons of through and 337 tons of direct cargo.—Mooring, C.M.S. Wharf at West Point.

CLEARANCES.

The TEUCER, departed to-day for Liverpool via Singapore with 1,400 tons of general cargo.

The HSIN TAH, took 2,300 tons of through cargo to Shanghai to-day.

The EURAYADE, left yesterday for London via Singapore with 1,450 tons of merchandise.

The W.R. SEPOY, departed yesterday for Balikpapan.

The DUN, arrived yesterday.

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TOO MUCH STEAM.

STEAM LAUNCH OFFICERS CHARGED.

This morning in the Marine Court, before Captain Basil Taylor, R.N., Marine Magistrate, the master and engineer of the steam launch Hing Fat were prosecuted for placing on the safety valve of their launch a greater pressure than was allowed by his licence, to wit 134 lbs.

The master of the launch pleaded not guilty, while the engineer admitted the guilt.

Police Constable A. Brown said that on the 9th instant he went alongside defendant's launch off a wharf. He asked where he had been and he replied he had been to Hunghom to get a doctor. Witness saw the starboard safety valve untouched and loose. He looked at the steam gauge glass in the engine room. It was showing 134 lbs. The licence limited the pressure to be 125 lbs. Witness asked the engineer why he had such a great pressure and he replied he was a substitute.

The engineer said the padlock was stolen at Yaumati two days ago and he had no time to replace it.

The master of the launch was discharged while the engineer was fined \$50 or given the option of serving two months in gaol.

EXAMINATIONS.

OXFORD PRELIMINARY RESULTS.

The Oxford Preliminary Examination results areas follows:

Diocesan Boys' School—H. Landolt (Honours, 1st class), A. Perry (Honours, 2nd class), A. Zimmerman (Honours, 2nd class), D. F. Lopes (Honours, 3rd class), H. Kew (Honours, 3rd class), W. Hung, G. Zimmerman, H. Clayton, G. R. Razavet, M. P. Au, F. W. Lee, P. N. Ho, F. N. Doodha, H. Hung, A. Gourdin, J. Macdonald, H. T. Chan, P. W. Ho, C. Y. Wong, W. P. Tai, C. F. Kam, C. Mackenzie, J. Thomson, G. Mooney, T. E. Anderson, and K. Y. Chung.

St. Joseph's College—C. Silva, C. E. Roza-Pereira, J. M. Alves Machada, J. Tam Wing On, C. P. Lam, K. W. Siu, C. P. Cooper, F. P. Hachuma, J. R. Gomes, J. M. Neves, H. A. Barros, J. M. N. da Silva, E. A. G. Jordan, V. A. da Cruz, H. Braga, A. Silva, and N. Shalabanoff.

Bellies Public School—M. Rosario, J. D. Chenalloy, B. dos Santos, G. Mooney, L. C. Tung, C. Xayier, C. de Figueirado, J. Gutierrez, E. Osmund, P. C. Lai, Y. C. Li, S. Y. Lau, K. L. Wei, and K. F. Wong.

Macao English College—C. W. Cheng and T. K. Lee.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 16. 17th. 18th.—No returns from Vladivostok, Weihaiwei or Japanese stations. Pressure has increased slightly from Shanghai to the Philippines and over the Malacca. It is nearly stationary at other reporting stations.

A moderate anticyclone is central over China.

Fresh monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 75 1/4 inches against an average of 82 54 inches.

FORESHORT FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock, N.E. winds, fresh, fire.

2 Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong.

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